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Re: Docket OOP-1322

Dear FDA,

As the parent of a child with a life-threatening peanut allergy and a husband with a severe, long-lasting food reaction to some unknown ingredient in "natural flavorings", I am hoping that the FDA will be a strong leader in improving food labeling. Specifically, I hope that:

- 1) Food statements list in common English any of the 8 main food allergens (peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, eggs, milk, soy and wheat) are contained in the product
- 2) The additive loophole will be closed by requiring ingredient statements to take into account if any allergens were used in the spices, natural or artificial flavorings, additives, and colorings (ideally the manufacturers would have to state what specifically is in their "natural flavorings" so my husband can avoid his very uncomfortable reactions he has experienced with black bean soup and other food products he has reacted to)
- 3) Require food manufacturers to include a working telephone info. # on food labels (this would help us track down the offending food culprit and report reactions to peanuts that have occurred in foods that did not have peanut on the label)
- 4) Require manufacturers to better prevent cross-contact between products produced in the same facility or on the same production line (my son has had allergic reactions due to this situation).

Thank you for your work in this important area.

Sincerely,



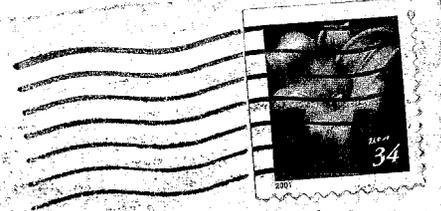
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